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MILITARY APPRENTICESHIP OF LEE HARVEY OSWALD

The following investigation was conducted by SAs THOMAS R. MADIGAN and GENE D.E. ROBERTS at West Haven, Connecticut, on November 25, 1963:

PETER FRANCIS CONNOR, 27 Plaza Drive, West Haven, was interviewed in relation to his knowledge of LEE HARVEY OSWALD. CONNOR said he was a member of Marine Air Control Squadron One, Marine Air Group 11, First Marine Air Wing, at the Naval Air Station at Atsugi, Japan, during 1957-1958. He said OSWALD was also stationed there and lived in his barracks. CONNOR, whose service number is 1595596, said OSWALD was not a friend of his and he did not have a close knowledge of him. He said he was a trouble-maker and was engaged in "a few fights". One of these fights, CONNOR said, was with a ROBERT DEMURE, whom CONNOR believes resides in Lewiston, Maine.

CONNOR reported OSWALD had a privately owned Derringer in the barracks at Atsugi, which discharged at one time; and according to CONNOR, OSWALD was grazed with the bullet. CONNOR said he thinks OSWALD was later courtmartialed for having the unauthorized pistol.

CONNOR described OSWALD as a "real sloppy Marine...but he had the reputation of being a pretty good worker". He said he remembered OSWALD wearing an expert rifleman's medal.

CONNOR said the commander of his outfit was Lieutenant Colonel N. D. GLENN.

CONNOR stated that there were over 100 Marines quartered in this barracks, where he and OSWALD were located. He did not know of any close personal friends of OSWALD. He said he never heard anyone state that OSWALD had any anti-American or pro-Communist sentiments or that he ever made any statements indicating this tendency.

He advised OSWALD was still in Japan when he left there, and he has never been contacted since that time by OSWALD or anyone else inquiring about OSWALD until a close friend of his, JERRY E. PITTS, Memphis, Tennessee, apparently furnished his name to the press in Memphis. Since then, he has been contacted by the press and the local television station regarding his knowledge and association with OSWALD.

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CONNOR was discharged from the Marine Corps, Parris Island, on April 1, 1959. He is presently employed as an apprentice iron worker with Connecticut Valley Contractors, East Berlin, Connecticut.